

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently amended) A computing device or peripheral in a computing system, comprising:

a housing comprising at least one lighting component and an opening for user display means or user input means; and

a transparent or translucent layer ~~on~~ integrated with a substantial exterior portion of said housing and positioned to provide a secondary source of information viewable in the user's workspace, whereby light emanating from the at least one lighting component propagates through said layer, said light generated according to a lighting scheme associated with a condition in the computing system or an alert from the computing system, the lighting scheme configurable by a user and synchronized among a plurality of communicatively coupled devices in a computing ecosystem,

wherein said primary zone is the location for tasks requiring fine motor control, the secondary zone is the location for tasks requiring gross motor movement and the tertiary work zone is the location for infrequently performed tasks or actions.

18. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 17, wherein said condition is at least one of a state of the computing system and a notification received in the computing system.

19. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 17, wherein the condition includes at least one of a state of the computing system, a state of a subsystem of the computing system, a power state, a notification from another person and a notification by the computing system, each of which has a lighting scheme associated therewith.

20. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 19, wherein the at least one state of the computing system includes a system standby mode, a system turned on mode, a system in use mode, a do not disturb system state and a system health state.
21. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 20, wherein a single command in the computing system places the computing system in the do not disturb system state.
22. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 20, wherein the computing system, when in the do not disturb state, at least one of automatically directs incoming voice calls to a voice mail inbox, automatically indicates that the user is unavailable for instant messaging (IM) discussions and automatically enables an email auto reply indicating unavailability.
23. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 20, wherein the computing system, when in the do not disturb state, is configurable to allow specified third parties to reach the user under specified circumstances.
- 24-25. (Canceled).
26. (Previously presented) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 17, wherein the alert includes at least one of a printer out of paper alert, a printer jammed alert, a network connection interrupted alert, a software update alert, a user specified alert, a memory is full alert, a processor is slowing down alert, a virus alert, a hardware bug alert, a software bug alert, a disc defragmentation alert, an alert concerning whether the user should enable or disable macros and an alert that the computing system performing optimally.
27. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 17, wherein the lighting scheme includes a predetermined pattern of at least one color.

28. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 17, wherein the lighting scheme includes a predetermined pattern of lighting brightness or intensity.
29. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 17, wherein a sound scheme is rendered in conjunction with the lighting scheme.
30. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 17, wherein the computing device is at least one of a monitor, a central processing unit (CPU) epicenter, a mouse, a printer and a keyboard.
31. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 17, wherein a change in condition in the computing system results in a switch from a first lighting scheme to a second lighting scheme.
32. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 31, wherein the second lighting scheme is associated with a different computing device or peripheral in the computing system.
33. (Previously presented) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 17, wherein said computing device is a monitor, and said transparent or translucent layer is a bezel of a screen of the monitor.
34. (Original) A computing device or peripheral according to claim 17, wherein said condition is based upon whether a task being performed is associated with a primary zone, a secondary zone or a tertiary zone of the computing system.
35. (Canceled).

36. (Currently amended) A method for providing lighting on a housing of a computing device or peripheral in a computing system, said housing comprising at least one lighting component and an opening for user display means or user input means, the method comprising:

receiving indication that a condition has manifested in the computing system; and

activating said at least one light source according to a lighting scheme associated with the condition, whereby light emanating from the at least one light source propagates through a transparent or translucent layer integrated with ~~on~~ the housing, the clear or translucent layer positioned to provide a secondary source of user interface information and synchronized among a plurality of communicatively coupled devices in a computing ecosystem,

wherein said condition is based upon whether a task being performed is associated with a primary zone, a secondary zone or a tertiary zone of the computing system, wherein said primary zone is the location for tasks requiring fine motor control, the secondary zone is the location for tasks requiring gross motor movement and the tertiary work zone is the location for infrequently performed tasks or actions.

37. (Original) A method according to claim 36, wherein said receiving includes receiving indication that at least one of a state of the computing system and a notification has manifested in the computing system.

38. (Original) A method according to claim 36, wherein the condition includes at least one of a state of the computing system, a state of a subsystem of the computing system, a power state, a notification from another person and a notification by the computing system, each of which has a lighting scheme associated therewith.

39. (Original) A method according to claim 37, wherein the at least one state of the computing system includes a system standby mode, a system turned on mode, a system in use mode, a do not disturb system state and a system health state.

40. (Original) A method according to claim 36, wherein said lighting includes configuring when and how an associated lighting scheme occurs.

41. (Original) A method according to claim 36, wherein said lighting includes notifying the user of an alert in the computing system.

42. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 36, wherein said lighting according to a lighting scheme includes lighting according to at least one of a predetermined pattern of at least one color, a predetermined pattern of lighting brightness or intensity, and providing a sound scheme with said lighting scheme.

43. (Canceled).

44. (Currently amended) A computer readable storage medium comprising computer executable instructions for providing lighting on a housing of a computing device or peripheral in a computing system, said housing comprising at least one lighting component and an opening for user display means or user input means, whereby the at least one light source provides light that propagates through a transparent or translucent layer integrated with the housing, the clear or translucent layer positioned to provide a secondary source of user interface information, comprising:

instructions for receiving indication that a condition has manifested in the computing system; and

instructions for lighting said at least one light source according to a lighting scheme associated with the condition, said lighting scheme configurable by a user and synchronized among a plurality of communicatively coupled devices in a computing ecosystem;

wherein said condition is based upon whether a task being performed is associated with a primary zone, a secondary zone or a tertiary zone of the computing system, wherein said primary zone is the location for tasks requiring fine motor control, the secondary zone is the location for tasks requiring gross motor movement and the tertiary work zone is the location for infrequently performed tasks or actions.